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SUBJECT: THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION AND CRITICISM OF LIN PIAO

1. REEXAMINATION OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION IS APPARENTLY STILL PAINFUL FOR THE MANY PRC CADRES WHO ADVANCED THEIR CAREERS DURING THIS TUMULTUOUS PERIOD. SUCH INDIVIDUALS CAN BE EXPECTED TO RESIST REINVESTIGATION OF EVENTS IN THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION AND ARE APPARENTLY HAMPERING RECTIFICATION OF IMPORTANT PROVINCIAL AND MILITARY UNITS -- PROBLEMS THAT WERE IMPLICITLY RECOGNIZED IN A SEPTEMBER 7 PEOPLE'S DAILY COMMENTATOR'S ARTICLE. THE COMMENTATOR REMINDED HIS READERS THAT CRITICISM OF LIN PIAO MUST BE LINKED WITH THE ONGOING MOVEMENT AGAINST THE "PERNICIOUS INFLUENCE" OF THE GANG OF FOUR. CRITICISM OF LIN PIAO WAS REVIVED AFTER TENG HSIAO-PING RAISED THE ISSUE IN A JUNE SPEECH TO THE ALL ARMY POLITICAL WORK CONFERENCE.

2. THE COMMENTATOR ARGUED THAT EXPOSURE OF LIN PIAO'S CRIMES AND HIS DISTORTION OF CHAIRMAN MAO'S TEACHINGS DOES NOT NEGATE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION
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AS "SOME PEOPLE"FEAR. IN FACT, CRITICISM OF LIN PIAO AND THE GANG OF FOUR IS CARRYING OUT MAO'S BEHESTS AND WILL "PROTECT" THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION. BOTH LIN PIAO AND THE GANG OF FOUR SABOTAGED AND DISTORTED CHAIRMAN MAO'S DIRECTIVES DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, ACCORDING TO THE AUTHOR.

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